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Case Docket No.: HAYES-1 CON

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Alfred S. Despres III et al.

MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR A HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS For:

Enclosed are:

<u>5</u> sheets of drawings.☐ An assignment of the invention to:

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status.

☑ REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$385.00		\$770.00
Total Claims	26 - 20	6	x \$ 9.00		x \$18.00	108.00
Ind. Claims	4 - 3	1	x \$43.00		x \$86.00	86.00
Mult. Claims			+ \$145.00		+ \$290.00	

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Respectfully submitted.

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Serial No.: 09/909,923 Filing Date: 07/20/2001

Title: MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR

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Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: E. Robert Attorney's Docket No.: HAYES-1

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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

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AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING APPLICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Middlesex

I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 09/909,923, filed 07/20/2001, and that the enclosed application is a true and complete copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/909,923 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 09/909,923 introduced new matter therein.

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Sworn to before me this 26th day of January, 2004.

My commission expires: 4/17/09

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Submitted with this request are the following:

- 1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 09/909,923 (including specification, claims, drawings, and an unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney) as originally filed;
- 2. A copy of RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED, including a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a Duplicate Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
- 3. An AFFIDAVIT by the undersigned attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said pending prior application Serial No. 09/909,923 is a complete and true copy;

- 4.* A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT which amends the application to show that it is a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/909,923, filed 07/20/2001 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR A HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS which in turn claims benefit of (1) prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,955, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR ORTHOPEDIC CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-1 PROV); and (2) prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,963, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for FORCE COUPLE CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-2 PROV); and
- 5. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on January 26, 2004 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The Power of Attorney in the pending prior application is to Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43114, or any of them, all of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451-1914 (Telephone No. 781-290-0060).

The inventors named in this continuation application are the same inventors named in the prior applications Serial No. 09/909,923.

The Commissioner is also authorized to prepare a certified copy of said prior copending application if the same is deemed to be necessary and to charge the cost of same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

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